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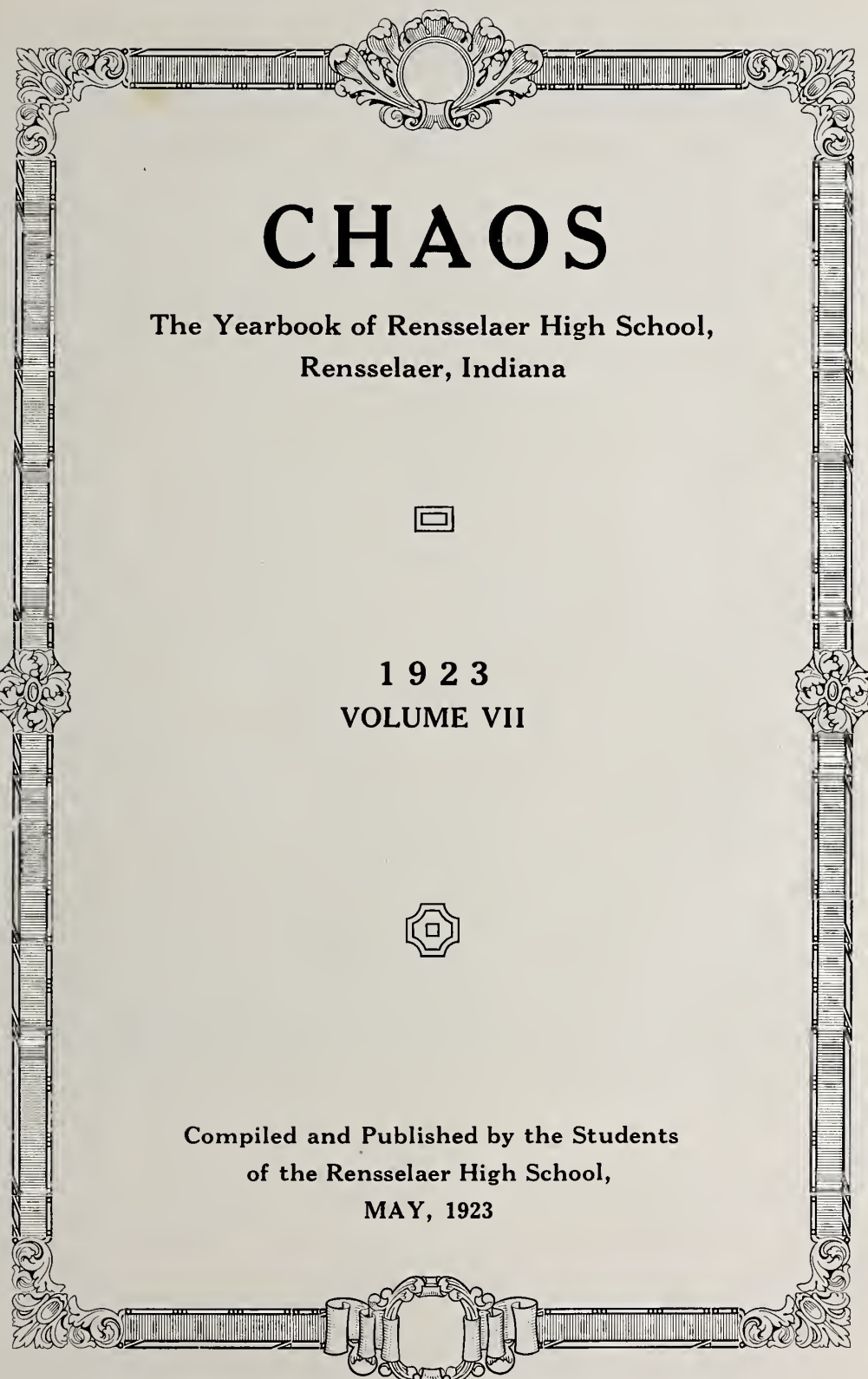
R. H. S. Chas

1923



To our faithful teachers in appreciation of their work we
respectfully dedicate this book.





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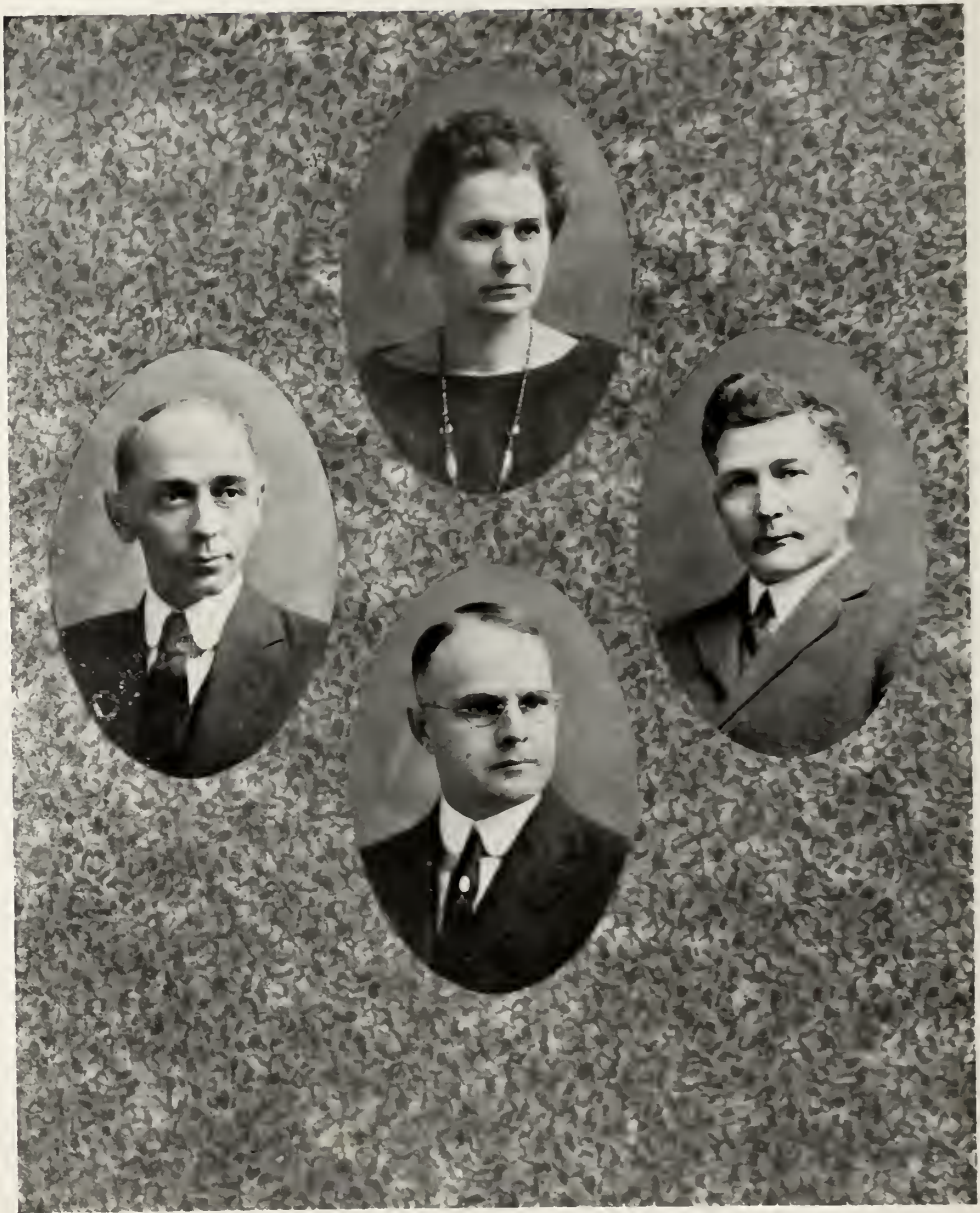


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 GEORGE REED, Boys' Athletic Editor

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 HELEN TILTON, Sophomore Editor
 MARY POTTER, Girls Athletic Editor
 GLADYS BILL, Department Editor
 MARY GRAHAM, Assistant Editor





JOHN HOPKINS
 "Attempt the end
 and never stand in
 doubt.
 Class President, 4
 Vice President, 3
 Radio Club, 4
 Literary Club, 1
 Nature Club, 2
 Rensselaerien, 3-4
 Track, 4

MARY JANE BROWN
 "Annihilate space
 and make us happy."
 Glee Club, 2-3-4
 Dramatic Club, 2
 President of Sunshine
 Society, 4

GLADYS BILL
 "Her job is keeping
 souls from eternal fire
 and brimstone."
 Chorus Dept. Editor, 4
 Glee Club, 4
 Nature Club, 2
 Lincoln Society, 1

FRANCIS TURFLER
 "Knowledge is pow-
 er."
 Latin Club Pres., 2
 Track, 3-4
 Orchestra, 1-2-3-4
 Glee Club, 2
 Rensselaerien, 3
 Class Vice Pres., 2
 Vice Pres. R. H. S.A.
 A., 2

FRANCIS HUNT
 "What 'Farmer' doesn't know
 isn't worth knowing."
 Football, 3
 Basketball, 2-3
 French Club, 2
 Nature Club, 2
 Glee Club, 3-4

LAWRENCE HAYES
 "My only books were wom-
 en's looks and folly is all they
 taught me."
 Webster Clu., 1
 Nature Club, 2
 Band, 4
 Glee Club, 4
 Rensselaerien, 4

HAROLD SHARP
 "Could I love less I should be
 happier."
 Class President, 3
 Football, 2-4
 French Club, 2

MARY WASHBURN
 "Mere man, his path
 and mine shall never
 cross."
 Rensselaerien, 4
 Glee Club, 2-3-4
 Dramatic Club, 2
 Print Club, 2

DORIS LARSH
 "With courtship
 pleased, with silly
 trifles proud."
 Literary Club, 1

CORDELIA STOCKTON
 "I have no reason but
 a woman's reason."
 Class Treasurer, 3
 Glee Club, 2-3
 Dramatic Club, 2
 French Club, 2

JOSEPHINE WASHBURN
 "She seems all too per-
 fect."
 Lincoln Club, 1
 Orchestra, 3
 Chorus pianist, 4



JOHN KRESLER

"Pa, give me a nickle
I want to be tough."

Football, 2-3-4
Nature Club, 2
Latin Club, 2

GRACE A. PHILLIPS

"Cares not a pin
what they said or may
say."

Lincoln Club, 1
Lodi, 2
Glee Club, 3

GLADYS PRICE

"Sober, steadfast and
demure."

Lincoln Club, 1
Latin Club, 2

SAMUEL GRANT

"For every thing he
did he had a reason."

Glee Club, 3
Football, 3-4
Nature Club, 2
French Club, 2

RAYMOND TUDOR

"A smiling face will win its
way."

Webster Club, 1
Football, 3-4
Track, 4

MAX PULLINS

"So young, so wise."

Lincoln Club, 1
French Club, 3
Agriculture Club, 3
Glee Club, 3
Football, 3-4

RUSSELL PAULUS

"The village vamp, knows all
the girls—by sight."

Agriculture Club, 2
Literary Club, 2
Glee Club, 3-4
Rensselaerien, 3-4
Radio Club, 4

JESSE HOLMES

"Gentle is she and
of good intent."

Webster Club, 1
Nature Club, 2

GRACE CAMPBELL

"Mildest manners
and gentlest heart."

Glee Club, 3-4
Webster Club, 1
Literary Club, 2

CORA M. FOSDICK

"A merry heart mak-
eth a cheerful counte-
nance."

Webster Club, 1
Nature Club, 2
Dramatic Club, 2
Glee Club, 4

ALICE LANG

"For she is a scholar
if I can judge her."

Literary Club, 2
Lincoln Club, 1



HAROLD DONNELLY

"The apparel oft proclaims the man."

Lincoln Club, 1
Orchestra, 1-2
Dramatic Club, 2

GRACE POTTS

"You can't judge anything by its size."

Rensselaerien, 3
Nature Club, 2

MABLE YOEMAN

"Simplicity is greatness."

Orchestra, 1
Lincoln Club, 2
Glee Club, 4

HAROLD FLEMING

"Still water runs deep."

Rensselaerien, 3
Editor, 4
Latin Club, 2
Literary Club, 2
Agriculture Club, 2

EARL WILCOX

"Find your niche and fill it."

Orchestra, 1
Agriculture Club, 2

HOWARD WARREN

"How long, O Lord, how long."

Track, 2-3-4
Webster Club, 1
Latin Club, 2
Band, 4

JAMES RICE

"When duty and pleasure clash let duty go to smash."

French Club, 2
Football, 1-4
Orchestra, 1

RIFFIA POTTS

"Magic in her very glance, grace in every motion."

Nature Club, 2
Glee Club, 3

RUTH WORTLEY

"Her nature is too modest for this world."

Webster Club, 1
Nature Club, 2
Literary Club, 2

IVA SWARZELL

"A friend to friends."

Literary Club, 1-2
Nature Club, 2
Glee Club, 3

FRANCIS WOOD

"But, O, she dances such a way."

Dramatic Club, 2
Nature Club, 2
Glee Club, 2-3-4
Oratorical R. M. D. Meet, 2-4



CLARENCE HANSEN

"When love's well timed, 'tis not a fault to love."

Football, 1-3-4
Track, 2-3-4
Dramatic Club, 2
Rensselaerien, 1-2-3
Glee Club, 2-3

OLIVE McCURTAIN

"For she is one of the quiet kind, whose nature never varies."

Glee Club, 1
Orchestra, 1-2-3-4

EDNA SCHLEMAN

"She speaks and acts just as she ought."

Literary Club, 2
Latin Club, 2
Webster Club, 1

CARL MICHAEL

"Where are my wandering rings tonight."

Basketball, 3-4
Football, 3-4
French Club, 2
Band, 4
Lincoln Club, 1

GAYLORD HUMES

"That's not right."

Orchestra, 1
Agriculture Club, 2

MAURICE REED

"When he falls short, 'tis nature's fault alone."

Football, 2-3-4

RUSSELL COCHRANE

"When he talks he averages twenty words a minute."

Withdrawn.

RUTH SAGE

"O, she sits high in all the people's hearts."

Glee Club, 1
Nature Club, 2
Goodland, 1

FERN FENWICK

"What I have learned I have forgotten. What I know, I have guessed at."

Goodland, 1
Nature Club, 2
Glee Club, 4

OPAL FENWICK

"Four years without a care! What Ho!"

Goodland, 1
Nature Club, 2

LYDIA CAIN

"If silence were golden, she'd be worth millions."

Glee Club, 2-3-4
Nature Club, 2
Sunshine Society, 4



HAROLD POTTS

"His heart is not here; it is some place else."

Lincoln Club, 1
Nature Club, 2
Literary Club, 2

ALICE GALBRAITH

"To see her was to love her."

Rensselaerien, 4
Webster Society, 1
Glee Club, 2-3
Dramatic Club, 2

MARY MAY

"'Tis well to be off with the old love before you are on with the new."

Glee Club, 2-3
Webster Club, 2

DAVID FISHER

The Sheik!

Hebron, 1-2-3
Orchestra, 4
Radio Club, 4

MILDRED GRIFFIN

"When she talks the clock stops."

Literary Club, 2

MARTHA RUSH

"Another of the strong right arm type."

Lincoln Club, 1
Nature Club

KEITH ROBISON

"To argue was his wont."

Track, 1-2-3
Basketball, 3
Miller High School, 1-2-3

EDNA SMITH

"Be wise worldly, but not worldly wise."

Sidney, N. Y., 1
Class President, 1
Literary Club, 2
Nature Club, 2
Glee Club, 2-3

ALLEN SOMERS

"I might be better if I would, but it's lonesome being good."

Track, 2-3-4
Football, 2-3-4
Basketball, 4
Pres. R. H. S. A. A., 4

PAUL YEOMAN

"When Solid gets a little tough I just try a little bluff."

Football, 3-4
Track, 3-4
French Club, 2
Radio Club, 4

EDWARD CAIN

"Thou art too wild—and bold of voice."

WALKER GILMORE

"Of all my mother's children I love myself the best."

Basketball, 3-4
Glee Club, 2-3
Nature Club, 2
Track, 4
French Club, 2

Senior Class History



Class Flower—Pansy

Class Colors—Old Gold and Black

Class Motto—"Consilium est melius quamopes"



We, the class of '23 that are now joining the ranks of the Alumni, entered R. H. S. as verdant Freshmen in '19. We were assigned to the south side of the assembly, which was to constitute our home for the first year. We made as few of the expected blunders as possible and before long were looked upon as an intergal part of the student body. Stewart French was elected president of the class and under his able leadership we went over the top in the membership campaign for the athletic association and were declared winners together with the Juniors. The Seniors and Sophomores were hosts to us at a banquet.

Our Sophomore year was one of our most successful years. We put on a historical pageant of the city of Rensselaer. It was a great success and much of the praise must go to Miss Merry who directed it. Stewart French was reelected president for the second year, which proved his ability as a leader and his popularity. A great many of the boys turned out for athletics that year and showed that the class had ambitions as well as successful aspirants to places on the teams that represented R. H. S.

The third year of high school was one of realization. We took a different view of school, its activities, and the part we were playing in its success. The future was more vividly flashed before us than ever before, and with that came the resolves and determination to leave R. H. S. with as clean and as glorious a record as possible. The success of the Junior-Senior reception and other social functions of the year was due mainly to the untiring efforts of Harold Sharp, the class president during the Junior year.

Seniors at last! And the days are waning fast when we can enjoy our power as Seniors. There are many who are glad that the long grind is coming to a close, and there are just as many that realize that we will never have as carefree and happy times again. Some will go to college and some will not, but we feel that all will remember the days spent in R. H. S. as long as they live. The memory will be sweet for some and a bit tainted for others, but there is not one that will find it bitter. We have furnished a fair share of the athletes to the old school in every branch of sport. Although they may not all be "Stars" they gave all they had and put every effort into every game. So it is with everything that we do; the more we put into anything the more we get out of it. We are going into the world soon and our successes can be measured by this standard.

Our last year has been one of work for the most part, bringing our high school courses and other activities to a splendid finish. John Hopkins has been the class president for the last year. He has proved a popular and able leader.



Senior Class Will



We, the Senior class of R. H. S. '23, being of sound mind and understanding, do hereby make our last will and give and bequeath our property in the following form and manner:

1. We will and bequeath Clarence Hansen's feminine selective powers to "Swede" Bengston.
2. We give and bequeath Lydia Cain's housekeeping ability to "Kate" King.
3. We give, devise, will, and bequeath to "Fat" Reeves all of Ruth Wortley and Martha Rush's avoirdupois.
4. We bequeath Mary Jane Brown's ability to develop track stars to Kathryn Chapman.
5. We will and bequeath Alice Galbraith's garrulousness to "Shorty" May.
6. We devise and bequeath Grace Pott's altitude to "Sheik" Cornwell.
7. We will and bequeath James Rice's love of the teachers to "Ike" Leopold.
8. We will Walker Gilmore's "Steady" to "Red" Ballinger and all other property in Remington to "Skinny" Grant.
9. We will and bequeath, at the special request of Harold Fleming, the editing of the Rensselaerien to "Doc" Hoover.
10. We will and bequeath "Cord" Stockton's steadfastness and faithfulness to "Gin" Ross.
11. We will and bequeath Gaylord Humes' reciting ability to "Don" Arnott.
12. We will and bequeath Ruth Sage's hold on "Farmer" Hunt to Elnora Wild.

13. We will and bequeath David Fisher's typing ability to Chester Wortley.

14. We will Ferne Fenwick's red hair to Genevieve Irwin.

15. We will and bequeath Gladys Price's gossipy loudness to "Lib" Kresler.

16. We bequeath Earl Wilcox's knowledge of farming to Bill Cochran.

17. We will Mildred Griffin's pull with Mr. House to Cecil Hooker.

18. We will and bequeath to Marjorie Sprague, Cora Fosdick's giggle.

19. We will and bequeath "Slob" Cain's speed to "Flash" Hudson.

20. We will, devise, and bequeath Della Amsler's "Meet me later" look to Earl Sutherland.

21. We will Allen Somer's dancing ability to Ed Ramp.

22. We will and bequeath Doris Larsh's love for——onions——to Alice Potts.

23. We will "Joe" Washburn's womanly curiosity to Marthabell Gilmore.

24. We will and bequeath Mary Washburn's last word (in argufying) to "Hammy" Hammond.

25. We will and bequeath Harold Sharp's interest in school to Mary Graham.

26. We will and bequeath to Marvin Ihne, Raymond Tudor's "list to the starboard."

27. We bequeath Alice Lang's lithe and fairy-like form to Ellen Kresler.

28. We will and bequeath Grace Phillip's good nature to Rachel Stuart.

29. We will and bequeath Jessie Holmes' "Big Bass Voice" to Paul Schafer.

30. We will and bequeath John Kresler's "Curios" in Monticello to the Field Museum.

31. We give and bequeath "Newt" Warren's "stilts" to Raymond Nesius.

32. We devise and bequeath Paul Yeoman's loose-jointed ears and trick necktie to "Doc" Swartzell.

33. We will Edna Smith's round figure to "Bean" Kuboske.
34. We will and bequeath Gladys Bill's love of Cicero to Reed Pennel.
35. We will Lawrence Hayes' hatred (?) of the weaker sex to "Butch" Halsema.
36. We bequeath Francie Wood's ability as a "bluffer" to Blanche White.
37. We will and bequeath Mary May's King Tut jewelry to Geraldine Roth.
38. We will and bequeath "Farmer" Hunt's "Consequence" to Gin Kresler.
39. We devise and bequeath Carl Michaels' athletic ability to "Boob" Karsten.
40. We devise and bequeath "Doc" Turfler's stately walk to Donald Rex Pullins.
41. We will Max "Harry" Pullin's quiet and attentive manners in the class room to Julia Randle.
42. We bequeath "Hoppy" Hopkins' school spirit and all-around usefulness to Allen Parkinson.
43. We will Sam Grant's cheerful and generally commendable nature to Mary Bell Richards.
44. We do hereby expressly appoint the faculty as executors of our last will, with provision that this will be dealt with according to the aforesaid provisions.



Senior Class Prophecy



There has been a question in the minds of the Seniors and the rest of the school, including the faculty, as to what is to become of the notorious class of '23. The question has been debated pro and con, but was not decided until there was evidence of a strange visitation in the assembly room which was accompanied by a high wind. After the mysterious presence had passed the floor was found covered with scraps of yellow paper of many shapes and sizes. This was such an unusual situation that the papers were carefully collected and taken to the research laboratory where they were thoroughly scrutinized. They were found to contain valuable information as to the future of the Senior class. This is surely proof that the gods are interested in us. The papers are being preserved under glass and can be seen by any that doubt this story. An accurate copy of these words of wisdom follow:

Mrs. Battleday, who is now Miss Gladys Bill, will live on a farm in the Gifford region.

M. J. Brown will be the wife of the illustrious track coach at Sprint College.

Lydia Cain will be an old maid and run a rooming house in North Rensselaer.

Edward Cain is going to be a giant dairyman and practically control the Dairyman's trust.

Grace Campbell is destined to be the mother of a couple of famous football stars.

Della Amsler is going to be the hard working wife of one of our farmers.

Harold Donnelly is a name that will be greatly respected. It will stand for all that is authority in the scientific world.

Harold Fleming is to be the editor of a periodical devoted to "Women's Fancies."

It is foretold that David Fisher will run a soft drink place in Newland.

Ferne Fenwick is to be a great actor. She is to be at her best in something humorous.

Opal Fenwick, twin sister of the famous actor is to be the wife of a noted author who attributes his success directly to his wife's inspiration.

Cora Fosdick will be the publicity agent for the Ringling Bro's. Circus.

Sam Grant is expected to be a wealthy florist, who claims his success to his lucky star.

The wife of a world famous baritone is the role of Alice Galbraith. Her home will be in Rome, Italy.

It is forecast that Walker Gilmore will be the president of the Labor Unions.

Mildred Griffin is to be the proprietress of the Paris Hairdressing Shop in the Twin City district.

Clarence Hensen is to be a well-to-do lawyer in Sitka, Alaska.

Gaylord Humes is to be a prosperous farmer, with a nation-wide reputation for his farming ability.

It is easy to see that Francis Hunt and Ruth Sage will be as one. The only exercise that Mr. Hunt takes is to show the kids at the old high school the little knack of shooting baskets.

They tell that John Hopkins is going to be an educational expert.

Jessie Holmes is to be the music instructor in a school for small children.

Lawrence Hayes will be the first man to reach Mars, via airplane.

John Kresler, it is said, will be a prominent lawyer, dealing with divorce cases especially. He will have had a great deal of experience along this line.

Doris Larsh will be behind the "back to nature" movement, which will have such a strong grip on the "Flapper Species."

Alice Lang will have undertaken the task of making short people tall, and she will have great success.

Carl Michaels and Mary May will be known as Mr. and Mrs. Michaels. Mr. Michaels will own the Central Sales Garage and Mrs. Michaels will be the leader of the Salvation Army.

Olive McCurtain will be the wife of our Ambassador to France.

Grace Potts is to be "somebody's stenog" in a pickle factory.

Max Pullins will have the greatest collection of antiques in the world. His home will be in Huntertown, Wisconsin.

Gladys Price is to be a nurse in the Jasper County Hospital.

Russell Paulus will be the father of a very large family, which he supports by writing sporting items for a large city daily.

Riffia Potts will be a waiter in a certain well known cafe.

Grace Augusta Phillips is to be the greatest gypsy dancer and fortune teller in Jasper County.

Harold Potts will be a muchly married man. His chief worry is his wife's tongue.

James Rice is slated as a notorious underworld character.

Keith Robison will have succumbed to the call of the west and returned there to live.

Martha Rush is to be the society leader of Mt. Ayr. Her husband is going to be the minister there.

Edna Schleman, our beloved librarian, will have accepted the position as head librarian of the Congressional Library.

Iva Swartzell is to be head cook in the exclusive restaurant for multimillionaires at Richmond, W. Virginia.

Cordelia Stockton will be the wife of Harold Sharp, the Jazz Distiller and Radio Rex.

Allen Somers is to be the dancing master in Monticello.

There will be a Mrs. Gifford whom we know as Edna Smith.

Raymond Tudor will have signed a three-year contract with the White Sox as a port sided pitcher. He is to get a cool fifty thousand a year!

Francis Turfler will have taken over his father's practice.

Ruth Wortley will have been in the hospital for many months. She has had a very serious illness and fallen away until her friends can scarcely recognize her.

Earl Wilcox will be the agriculture professor at Purdue.

Mary Washburn will have devoted her life to public career as a defender of women's rights.

Josephine Washburn will be able to hold her audiences spellbound while she fingers the ivories of a piano.

Paul Yeoman is marked as a circus entertainer.

Howard Warren will have followed his father's footsteps as rural mail carrier.

Francie Wood's future could not be decided upon. It is hoped that she will make the most of her life.

Mable Yeoman is to be a prosperous farmer's wife.

Maurice Reed is to be the representative from this district at the state legislature.

The question left in our minds is, "When will this happen?" All that could be determined was that it would be.

No one knows when, so watch and wait.



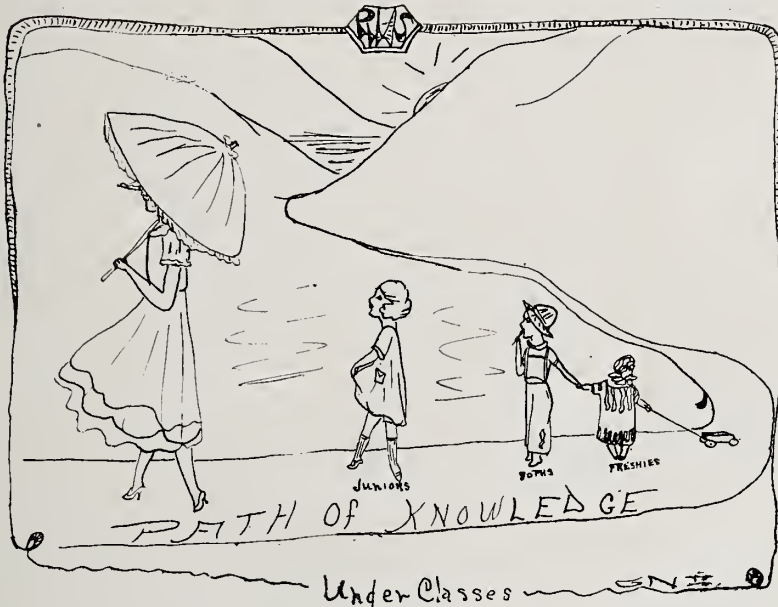
In Memoriam

Lee Leland Reed

Born, April 28, 1906.

Died, September 25, 1922.

A member of the 1923 Junior
Class.





Junior Class History



President Maurice Hammond
 Vice-President..... Geraldine Roth
 Secretary..... Julia Randle
 Treasurer..... Donald Cornwell

Class Motto—"Puto itaque sum
 Class Color—Old Rose and White
 Class Flower—Lily of the Valley



In the year of our Lord 1920, on the twelfth day of the ninth month, there could be seen at the Rensselaer High School a congregation of about seventy boys and girls who bore a greenish tint, but regardless of this fact they were a lively and promising bunch. This inspired group of prospective students were called freshmen because of the freshness they imparted to their surroundings.

The upper classmen gazed on the invaders with an air of curiosity, but they little knew that this class would some day develop into the foremost men and women of the day.

After nine months of earnest toil this class had lost their greenish appearance and had developed a luster, which promised some day to glisten like diamonds.

It came to pass after three months of rest and recuperation that the class of '24 returned. The outward freshness had diminished, but on close observation one could see that their ambition and determination had augmented. During the second course of study as prescribed by law we were obliged to take a subject called Geometry and after "Freddie" had struggled with might and main we all perceived some idea of a circle.

The next September we returned but there was a difference. We had crossed the divide and now were upper classmen ourselves. Later came the rings which were admired by all, although reluctantly by the Seniors.

The class of '24 has furnished its share of students for all activities and we have one year to go which we hope to make the best of our high school course.



Sophomore Class History



President.....George Reed
 Vice-PresidentMary Harmon
 Secretary.....John Hunt
 Treasurer.....Esther McColly

Class Colors—Dark Blue and White

Class Flower—White Rose



The class of 1925 from the first has had the reputation of being the brightest, (?) and most orderly, (?) class that ever passed through the High School. During the time we were "those little eight graders" and Freshmen, probably no one realized our own importance quite so much as we did ourselves.

Oh! the secret mysteries of those first class meetings when George Reed, our President, deported himself so ably. At those times we planned our class picnics which were so well attended, there being at the least eighty per cent—absent. But with the help and advice of Miss Clendenin we have succeeded in conducting and attending them better during our Sophomore year.

As Sophomores our dignity and calm demeanor was unsurpassed. We looked with half disdainful amusement upon the antics of the Freshmen. Our class was well represented in athletics, having three members on the football team and two on the track team.

We pass with haste over the memorable times when we were called to the office to receive praise, (?) for our excellent behavior in the halls and class rooms, and to receive our don'ts for the future.

Now we are looking forward with dread to the "exams" which are coming fast. But we point proudly to the month on the calendar when we shall enter the dear old high school, staid and tried Juniors.



Freshmen Class History



PresidentGerald Beaver

Vice-PresidentArnetta Dahncke

Secretary and Treasurer.....Lorinda McGlinn

Class Colors—Old Gold and Purple



Freshmen! Yes, we are Freshmen, but in name only. We are not green, neither are we fresh. A more studious, bright, and energetic crowd of boys and girls never entered the R. H. S. To be sure we dreaded to approach the halls of higher learning, but once we were settled all fear vanished and we entered into the school frolics, as well as the grind, with a zest that even now shames the rest of the student body. When we were told to join the Athletic Association; did we shine? Didn't our boys hearken to the call of football? And in the inter-class basketball tournament wasn't that "little freshmen team" in the limelight on every occasion?

Why what would the R. H. S. do without us? And in our roll of Sophomores next year, it is the sincere wish of every one of us that we uphold the high standard that we have set in this, our Freshmen year.



Autographs



Student Activities

R. H. S. Calendar

1922-1923



SEPTEMBER

11. School begins. Freshmen running wild. .
12. "Hunts of Plato" No. 1. To find a straight program for the Freshmen.
13. Freshmen become a little more accustomed to the large building.
14. Seating is rearranged much to the sorrow of most of the students.
15. One week of school gone.
18. Everyone happily back.
20. Home Economics class—Mary Washburn reigns supreme.
21. Ellen Kresler—Having some trouble exclaims, "O Dear"! Jimmy Hansen. "Well, Helen, what can I do for you now"?
22. Senior class officers elected.
23. R. H. S. is greatly saddened by receiving news of the death of a much loved classmate—Lee Reed.
27. Committee appointed to organize Chaos Staff.



OCTOBER

2. Girls tear hither and yon preparing for Sunshine party.
3. Initiation party for Freshmen into Sunshine club.
4. Freshmen girls still pale from Sunshine initiation.
6. Girls' athletic association organized.
7. First football game, R. H. S. vs. Hammond. R. H. S. lost 6-0.

9. Orchestra starts weekly, (weakly?) screech.
10. "Hunts of Plato" No. 2. To find Miss Bailey's lost chord.
11. Mr. and Mrs. Dean give the faculty their first square meal of the season in the form of an informal dinner at the Hoosier Inn.
13. Unlucky? Perhaps, don't remember.
14. Football game R. H. S. vs. Logansport. We won!!! 7-6.
17. High School Band organized.
- 19-20. School dismissed for state teachers' meeting.
21. Football R. H. S. vs. Monticello. R. H. S., 41; M. H. S., 0.
24. Jimmy Rice is seriously injured in football practice.
25. Seniors have a ghostly weiner roast.
26. Sophomores have a ghostly weiner roast.
28. Football R. H. S. vs. Emerson. R. H. S. lost.
30. First Rensselaerien published.



NOVEMBER

1. If Bob were Romeo and Potter Juliet would Bob have enough to pay for what Juliet?
3. Mr. Minton has charge of Chapel.
4. R. H. S. vs. Elkhart. R. H. S. won.
8. Mr. House in Physics: "Mary what is a vacuum?" Mary May: "I can't explain it but I have it in my head."
10. Armistice day program given by faculty members that were "over-seas," Mr. Clearwaters, Mr. Meyers and Mr. Minton.
17. Chapel program is given by Rev. Strecker.
18. R. H. S. vs. Kentland. Kentland wins.
20. Chaos staff elected. Max Pullins Editor-in-Chief.
22. Francis Turfler is elected track captain for '23.
- 23-24. Thanksgiving vacation.
27. Radio club is organized.
28. Football banquet given by the Senior girls.
29. Mr. Minton has charge of assembly.
30. Letters given to football men.

DECEMBER

1. Only 24 days left to shop.
8. First Basketball game. R. H. S., 22; Kentland, 21.
13. Basgetball game. R. H. S., 7; Remington, 24.
16. Basketball game. R. H. S., 20; Hammond, 19.
17. Christmas party for the kiddies from the Primary building given by the Sunshine girls.
20. Basketball game. R. H. S., 6; Francesville, 16.
22. School closes for Xmas.
29. Basketball game. R. H. S., 23; Monticello, 12.



JANUARY

2. School resumes usual grind.
5. Basketball game. R. H. S., 26; Kentland, 14.
6. Basketball game. R. H. S., 29; Reynolds, 21.
9. R. H. S. greatly surprised to hear of marriage of Goldie Fidler???
10. Basketball game. Remington won and we got it in the neck again.
12. Basketball game. R. H. S., 8; Valparaiso, 22.
17. Basketball game. R. H. S., 22; Crown Point, 16.
- 17-18-19. Semester exams.
19. Basketball game. Argument over score finally decided as a tie. R. H. S., 22; Lowell, 22.
20. Of all sad words from lip or pen the saddest are these: "I flunked again."
23. Miss Bostick and Mr. Meyers mutually agree to disagree.
25. Basketball game. R. H. S., 15; Brook, 20.
27. Basketball game. R. H. S., 27; Wolcott, 43.
30. Basketball game. R. H. S., 32; Crown Point, 20.



FEBRUARY

3. Basketball game. R. H. S., 17; Hammond, 11.

14. Juniors receive their long looked for rings and pins.
16. Basketball game. R. H. S., 22; Brook, 19.
24. Last basketball game. R. H. S., 29; Francesville, 13.
28. Group of plays given. Proceeds go to the Sunshine Club.



MARCH

- 2-3. Basketball tournament at Brook. R. H. S. lost by one point in finals.
12. Jay Wood in English: "He had a tent and his dome was purple." Poor man!
13. Chapel program by Mr. White and Mr. Humphry.
15. Seniors have class party.
16. Juniors give feed to basketball boys. Hammond elected captain for next year.
22. Freshies have class party.
- 29-30. Operetta "Sylvia."
31. Basketball banquet given by Captain Paulus.



APRIL

4. Another pleasing program by Mr. White and Mr. Humphry.
6. Chaos drive starts "buy early and save a quarter."
10. All track men are training hard.
16. English Class Doris reading, "Love and you shall be loved." Farmer Hunt: "That ain't true."
- 18-19. Minstral Show.
21. Track meet with Donavon, Illinois. R. H. S., 54; D. H. S., 63.
28. R.-H.-D. track meet at Monticello. R. H. S. won the big cup for another year and brought home the relay cup. R. H. S. won eight out of eleven firsts.

MAY

5. Track meet with Harvey, Illinois. R. H. S., 47; H. H. S., 57.
12. Sectional track meet postponed on account of rain.
15. Sectional track and field meet won by Otterbein.
24. May day and Musical program given by all grades.
25. Class night.
27. Baccalaureate and school exhibit.
- 28-29. Senior class play, "The Charm School."
30. Junior-Senior Prom.
31. Commencement exercises.



JUNE

1. Close of school and Alumni banquet.



The Virgin of Kakla

I have been wont to hie myself to the small country store, on a winter afternoon, to gossip with the older fogies. Oh, yes, I too am old, sixty or so, I have lost count. But I can say that I still retain a few earmarks of a once famous author, for I have a hobby of studying human nature and personalities. Interesting ideas are uncovered and pet theories are brought out to air, when a few old men gather around the steaming stove of a country store like the one at Elk River.

Winter had set in, stinging cold, and it promised to be hard on people's wood piles. The lumbermen had gone north, the horse traders south toward Minneapolis, before the first snow had come, and I had prepared myself for a peaceful Minnesota winter. But one day as my company of veterans sat reminiscing around the fat little stove, the wind howling dolefully outside, a man, tall and gaunt walked in the front door of the store, resolutely shook the snow from his coat and cap and by common consent joined the company.

"Stranger here aren't you?" I asked, by way of starting conversation.

"Yes, I am. Stopped off for an hour between trains. The station was beastly cold, and the station-master remarked that there was a town hidden somewhere in this desolation."

"Hump! From the cities, ain't you?" snorted old Len Cutter.

"Yes sir, St. Paul."

And so the conversation waxed and grew strong. Very strong! Likewise the atmosphere, for everyone but the stranger and I, was smoking a pipe.

The wind howled harshly, almost screaming now.

Everyone had his fling at spinning yarns and finally the stranger cleared his throat ominously.

"My friends, I have decided to tell you a story. A story which I have diligently tried to forget, one which hurt me bitterly at the time."

"It was in 1908, just after I had completed my course of zoology at college, that I went to South America in behalf of the American government. I arrived one week later at the city of Rio de Janeiro. I took a small train for a mountain town, one day distant. There I procured a guide. When we left that town, we bid civilization good-bye. There were, in the caravan, my aide, the half-breed guide, myself and our luggage on the back of a small patient burro.

"The days were long interminably so, but the nights were glorious. Soon after we had entered the jungle proper I lost all sense of direction, and finally had to consult the small compass which I carried. We camped for the heat of the day, beside a small spring of clear sweet water, like nectar to our parched throats. Our goal was the shrine of some native god, where it was reported, lived a strange specie of monkey. It was my mission to procure one of these monkies, and take it back to the States, along with certain data.

"The shrine was situated in a little hollow, overgrown with vines, and large trees, which had been uprooted by a cyclone, lay prone across the thatched roof. I motioned for the men to wait for me, and I cautiously entered the mean little building. It was dark. I grooped my way around by the wall. Suddenly I felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned—my eyes were growing accustomed to the darkness—and I have never seen and do not expect to see, as beautiful a girl as she was. She wore a filmy white dress and her hair, long and black, being in strands down to her waist.

"What do you want?" she asked in fine English.

"I stammered—my aide came bounding in the open doorway and called hoarsely to me. The girl disappeared as in a flash. Well I said nothing about the experience, and ordered camp pitched. The next morning I explored the hut, aided by what daylight could penetrate the thick verdure above. I discovered an inner chamber, and as I entered it a monkey swung from the thatch, and chattered wildly. Soon there were perhaps a hundred of the queer animals assembled. I called to my aides and soon we had a fine specimen in a cage provided for that purpose.

"But I couldn't forget the girl. She was somewhere in this jungle. We were to start back as soon as possible and I set the date for the following morning, when I might have left immediately. I scoured the jungle around the clearing all day, and that night I sat by the fire long after the others were asleep.

"Again I felt a hand on my shoulder. Again I looked and beheld the girl.

"What do you want?" she repeated.

"And as I couldn't answer, she said, 'Come.'

"I arose and as I started to follow her she vanished. I hunted madly. But she was gone.

The stranger paused then said:

"That is all. I couldn't find her. The next morning the guide told me the story of the Phantom Virgin of Kahla. A young English girl of considerable wealth and beauty, had been captured by natives, as she and her friends were en route to Rio de Janeiro, and she was sacrificed to the idol of that very hut, before help could be secured. Is that my train?"

As I nodded, he jumped up and saying good-bye, ran out into the Minnesota blizzard.

"Well, I declare!" ejaculated Lem Cutter.

"Might as well be getting home," drawled the imperturbable Jake Samuels.

"Yeh, what time is it?" asked Lem.

I reached for my watch. Consternation—gone—gone like the Virgin of Kahla.

And gone along with it were two other watches. The stranger was unquestionably a good story teller.

Why Jack Ran Away



Jack had been saving his money to buy a football which he had seen downtown. But it seemed to him as if he would never have enough.

His parents lived on a small farm at the edge of town and they kept chickens. One Saturday afternoon, as Jack was wondering how he could earn more money towards his football, he decided he would sell some eggs. He could get the eggs which were in the house and take them over to the grocery.

As he was giving the eggs to the clerk at the store he looked up and saw his mother come in. Thinking that perhaps she did not see him; he ran out the back door, not stopping to get the money from the clerk.

In about an hour he went home, prepared for punishment. When he went in the house his mother was reading. She looked up and seeing who it was, she said: "O, Jack, that was so nice of you to take the eggs to the store for me! I didn't know you heard me tell your father this morning that I wished you would do it. But why did you run away when I came in?"

But fortunately for Jack, his father came in just then and he did not have to answer her question.



The Mystery of the Haunted House,



Almost every town boasts a haunted house, or at least a house that is supposed to be haunted.

The little town of Lakeport in the central part of Ohio had a supposedly haunted house. It had never been visited by any one from the town since the death of its owner forty years before. The house had never shown any outward signs of being haunted, but lately strange noises like the sound of a great hammer had been heard and the townsfolk especially the children were very curious to know what this noise was, but no one would venture near the house to find out.

For the last month several strange men had been seen in Lakeport and they were seen going to the haunted house by way of an old grass-grown lane which hadn't felt the tread of a horse hoof since the hearse left the old house with its dead owner over forty years before.

There were two boys in Lakeport that were very curious to find out the secret of the strange noises issuing from the old house. They were twin brothers, Tom and Ron Cleman by name. These boys had been watching the strange men and had even followed them to the door of the haunted house. They knew some way or other that these men were connected with the strange noises. The boys kept still about their suspicions though, and kept their watch on the strange men.

Before the boys had only followed the men to the house and watched them enter, but finally they decided to grow bolder and enter, or at least try to, and see where the men went to when they got into the house. So one night the boys took their flashlights and stealthily followed the men, who were in a wagon this time, to the old house. The wagon went up the lane and was stopped before the door. The men got out and tied the horse to a tree. Then they went up to the door but instead of opening it and walking in they slid aside a small shutter in one of the doors and spoke a few words through it. The door opened immediately and a third man was seen inside apparently waiting for the two in the wagon. The door closed and only the footfalls of the men were heard as they walked down the hall in the old house.

Tom and Ron crept up on the old broken-down front step and fumbled around the door till they located the shutter on the panel. They slid it aside and turned their lights through the aperture. The hall was dark except for a small ray of light which filtered through the keyhole of a door at the far end of the hall. The boys pulled up the iron latch of the old old oak door and it slowly opened to their push. They stepped in and took off their shoes to insure less chance of being heard. Then they crept noiselessly down the hall to the door. Tom looked through the key hole and saw inside the room

some broken-down chairs and an old table with a smoky lamp on it. He called Ron, they both consulted a little while and then they opened the door and went inside the room. Ron, while examining the floor, found a square place in the boards which seemed to have been sawed out and then put back in place again. He came to the conclusion that this was a trap door. Part of the door was obscured by a piece of ragged carpet and when Ron pulled this aside he found a handle for pulling the door open. Just as he had whispered this to Tom a most terrific noise began. The boys jumped back in terror for the noise was coming from beneath them. They soon recovered from their fright and they recognized the noise as that which was creating so much curiosity in Lakeport. Tom declared that he was going to open the door and find out what was making the noise so he pulled up the door about an inch and looked down. There was a light in the cellar and this is what he saw. There was a large trip-hammer, larger than the ordinary kind. It was operated by one of the men whom the boys had seen in the wagon. Over in one corner was a pile of metal which looked like silver to Tom. It was in sheets about an inch thick. It was this metal which the man at the trip-hammer was working on and making so much noise. He was pressing it to the thickness of about one-twelfth of an inch. Another man was working at a machine which was cutting the metal into discs about the size of a half dollar. A third man was stamping some kind of an emblem on these discs. Tom recognized the spread eagle of the United States. Then Tom knew. These men were counterfeiters and they were making all the new half dollars that had been circulating around Lakeport for the last two weeks.

Tom closed the trap door and told Ron what he had seen. The boys slipped out into the hall and put on their shoes. Then they ran with all their might back to Lakeport and thence to the sheriff's house. They rapped on the door and the sheriff himself came to the door, clad only in his night clothes. The boys breathless told of their discovery. The sheriff dressed and came out to where they were waiting and after calling several of his deputies the whole party hurried to the haunted house. The trip-hammer was still going noisily, when they arrived and so the sheriff took no precaution to be quiet. One of the deputies opened the door into the room and Tom opened the trap door. The sheriff called down to the men and told them to come up as they had been caught with the goods. They came up and were taken to jail by the deputies.

The boys were praised highly for their pluckiness in discovering the mystery of the "Haunted House."

Sense and Nonsense



Once upon a time years and years ago in the MARY month of MAY Donne Lly stood on the turrent of her father's castle eating an OLIVE. She was watching Sir Phillips Galbraith RUSH-ing up to the castle in his BROWN Fierce-Sparrow. Just as he waved his Deauville scarf to her she was seized violently by Gruffer Griffin and dragged inside her lonely tower.

"Stop PULLIN' me," cried our heorine with a LARSH-urlian scream.

As use to be before the day of woman's rights Donne Lly's father Baron Smith, opposed her love and betrothal to Sir Galbraith so he had imprisoned her in the turrent of his castle. He had placed Schleman the Slewer, on guard in front of her snite and Gruffer Griffin was to be her companion. In fact Gruffer Griffin served two purposes, first as a companior for Donne Lly and secondly as a spy for Baron Smith.

In about an hour Winsome Wortley was admitted by Gruffer Griffin and the two girls began conversing in low tones. Wortley told her that TUDOR had been bitten by MICHAEL, the dog, a few minutes before and WOOD be unable to hear her lessons. Meanwhile Gruffer Griffin had gone out to talk to Schleman, the Slewer. Consequently while Grnffer Griffin was gone the girls tuned their radio with Sir Phillips and this is what they heard:

"If your father will GRANT you leave to the HUNT to-morrow just drop a CAMPBELL and a box of matches into my Lizzy. Then at nine SHARP we will elope from the HUNT and avoid any RICE. Probably the governor will raise CAIN but if I fill the BILL for you what more WOOD you have? Goob-bye."

Immediately Winsome Wortley went down to the regions below on the lift and asked if Donne Lly WOOD be allowed to go to the HUNT. Then Baron Smtih, REID-ing the eagerness in Winsome Wortely's eyes GRANT-ed permission and the two girls dropped the CAMPBELL and the matches in the BROWN Fierce-Sparrow.

"I've an idea that the Pater will raise CAIN," said Donne Lly. "He will probably have the FISHER drag the moat and get the YEOMAN

out to HUNT for me. But since I feel SOMER'S spell I WOOD run away from all my HOLMES for Sir Galbraith."

"You're the tadpoles teddy," remarked Winsome Wortley, who was helping her pack a few things. "You've spilled something on your SAGE-green frock."

"Well what the diff! My father never worries about the PRICE."

The next day they donned their riding habits and put Donne Lly's baggage in a basket attached to her saddle, a contrivance for carrying the game. Exactly at nine SHARP, Sir Galbraith met Donne Lly and after hiding in the RUSH-es until the others passed they rode swiftly down the road past the Fleming Grammar School where handsome boys go to school and HAYES-ing was prohibited and on farther until they came to the thirty story mansion of HUMES, the Bishop of Canterbury where they made promises they never intended to keep and finally were secured in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony. After they had arrived at the Paulus-Kresler Inn they received a radiogram saying:

"Baron Smith has forgiven all. Wants you to come back and get his blessing. Gruffer Griffin and Schleman, the Slewes are to be married.

"Best wishes,

"WINSOME WORTLEY."

Therefore the next evening they flew to HANSEN Hall in their TURFLER aeroplane where they drank Happy HOPKINS from a silver loving cup for Auld LANG Syne and ate POTTS of Boston Beans. Then after receiving Baron Smith's blessing the prodicals returned to FENWICK Arms where they were greeted by WASHBURN the housekeeper and there they were happy ever after.



The Sunshine Society of R. H. S.



In the spring of 1922, a Sunshine Society, composed of all the girls, was organized in Rensselaer High School at the suggestion of Miss Grace Norris, who acts as Faculty Advisor. Since the first Sunshine Society was founded in the Crawfordsville High School in 1900, it has grown to be a state-wide organization.

However, a state convention was not held until 1922, when the first one met at Jefferson High School at Lafayette, April 28 and 29. Delegates were sent from Rensselaer and brought back valuable suggestions as to how the work was carried on in other high schools.

Perhaps the purpose of the Society is best explained by the Creed: "With love in my heart, forgetting self, and with charity for all, I will make the object of my life helpful and kindness to others. I shall try to fit myself to give intelligent service in making the community in which I live a safer and more beautiful place for little children. Thus will my own life become rich and complete."

The name of the Sunshine Society was suggested by the work of the National Society of that name, but the Society here is not directly connected with that organization since our problems are purely local, but the object of the Society is similar in many ways. There is the wish to bless, to brighten, to bring light and health to the homes, to the school and to the community. Helpfulness and usefulness are the two prime motives. Yellow is the Sunshine color, for it symbolizes the light and warmth of the sun. As the rays of the sun bring light and life, joy and cheer to the earth, so we hope to bring joy and cheer, love and aid to those around us who need it most.

There are four committees in the Society which include every girl.
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COMMUNITY is headed by six executive officers and includes one-fourth of the girls in each class according to alphabetical order.

THE COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTING SUNSHINE SPIRIT IN THE SCHOOL has six executive officers and the second quarter of the high school classes. This group is really responsible for the fine spirit of good will, cooperation and good cheer that characterizes our school.

A group of six girls act as executive head of THE COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT, and direct the work of the third quarter of the girls from each class. The entertainments planned by this committee are wholesome, inexpensive and calculated to develop a splendid spirit of comradeship and democracy.

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE. A group of six girls as an executive head and the fourth and last quarter of the girls from each class have charge of this important phase of Sunshine work.

Although the Society has not accomplished all that they hoped to do, it has been a successful year considering that the girls are not as yet thoroughly acquainted with the work of the Society. More work has been done in the school than in the community.

We appreciate the cooperation extended to us this year and hope to enlist the whole community in helping to create an atmosphere of good cheer, for when school and community give united effort to any project, success is assured.

Summary of the Year's Events

In May, 1922, a picnic supper was given in Milroy Park by the Sunshine Society in honor of the Senior girls. This was the first outing attempted and it was so well attended and successful that it led to the parties given during the school year now closing. These parties supply the spirit of comradeship needed and make the girls better acquainted.

The freshmen girls were initiated into the Society by the "candle service" of the Ritual, which is a very pretty sight. After this the girls were taken, one by one, through secret proceedings in a mysterious cavern from whence issued terrible sounds. Those "proceedings" will long be remembered by the participants. "Brownies" ar-

rived to gladden the hearts of the hungry and after the refreshments the girls returned to their homes.

The Hallowe'en masquerade, held in a gloriously decorated gym, proved to be the most popular party of the year. There were comical costumes and beautiful ones, in fact, every kind. Much surprise was evident when the order to unmask was given after a "Grand March." Games, in keeping with the spirit of Hallowe'en and otherwise, prevailed. Fortunes were told at two booths. An abundance of candy and pop-corn balls was supplied as refreshments. It was with regret that the party was brought to a close but "eventually, why not—"sooner"

Santa arrived early to about twenty-five kiddies of the Primary Building when he appeared at a Christmas party given by the Sunshine Society in the auditorium of the Library, Saturday, December 17. A Christmas tree stood on the platform, prettily decorated, and red and green streamers hung about the room. Many lively games were played, after which Santa gave each child a useful present and a toy. Candy, pop-corn balls, apples and oranges were showered upon the little ones. At 4:30 they went happily home with pockets laden.

Three plays, "How the Story Grew," "Sauce for the Goslings" and "Not a Man in the House," given in the High School auditorium by the Society, netted us \$70. The money was used to pay debts from the Christmas party, to send flowers to shut-in people, and to pay expenses of the official delegates to the Convention. Also, it was unanimously voted to give \$10 to the local Charity Board. The remaining money will be used for charitable purposes.

A picnic supper in the gym, when everyone had enough to eat "for once", started things at the Easter party. After the bounteous meal, everyone was taken to the Assembly where a short program was given. Then followed an Easter egg hunt and various other games. As usual at these affairs, "a good time was had by all."

In keeping with the beautiful thought of Mother's Day, the Society gave an afternoon reception to which the mother of every girl in High School was invited. A pleasant afternoon was passed.

The State Sunshine Convention of 1923 was held at Crawfordsville, Indiana, April 27 and 28. Four delegates and the Faculty Advisor were sent from here. They brought back a fine report and much enthusiasm with which to make next year a record year.

Officers for 1922-23

President.....Mary J. Brown
Vice-President.....Lydia Cain
Secretary and Treasurer.....Mary Graham

Officers for 1923-24

President.....Marjory Sprague
Vice-President.....Kathryn King
Secretary and Treasurer.....Helen Tilton

Faculty Advisor.....Miss Grace Norris





The School Band

In pursuance to a local demand a movement was launched last fall for the organization of a School Band. On Monday evening, September 25th, the City Council, the School Board and Superintendent met with the Van Rensselaer club to discuss and make the necessary plans.

At the meeting the Van Rensselaer Club voted to put on a city wide drive for the funds. It was felt that considerable money would be needed to buy instruments and assist some of the boys in purchasing instruments. The drive was a great success under the direction of George Scott, the Chairman. As a result a fund of over a thousand dollars was raised.

Since these steps were taken the band has been started and rehearsals held once a week in the Assembly Room of the Public Library. Between forty and fifty boys belong to the organization. Prof. Paul C. Tonner of St. Joseph College has been the director and much progress has been made. The band will play in some of the summer concerts. Within another year Rensselaer will have a band that they will be proud of.



The School Orchestra

The school is directing its efforts toward making the orchestra and other musical organizations, an integral part of the school curriculum. The next year will see an improvement in this direction and more pupils will have the desired opportunity of learning more about good music and how to appreciate it.

During the school year the orchestra has played at the following engagements: "My Spring Time Girl," given by the Matinee Musicale; "Sylvia," given by the high school glee clubs; March meeting of the Matinee Musicale; an entertainment given by the Sunshine Society; the high school Minstral; the high school Senior Class Play; May day festival, and commencement. In addition, three programs have been given before the high school during the school year.



The Minstrel Show

The Negro Minstrel show, directed by Mr. Clearwaters and Mr. Minton, given at the high school auditorium, April 18 and 19, was a success in every way.

The "Colored Gentlemen"?? sang choruses and solos, which were well received and told numerous jokes, greatly appreciated by the audience. Local jokes made a hit and many impromptu performances enlivened the show.

The Olio was short and pleasing. Mr. Minton played two violin solos. A girls octet sang two choruses, a lullaby and a popular song.

The high school orchestra opened and closed the program. The Minstrel was given to help pay for the "Chaos."

"The Charm School"

"Oh, Austain, got any money?"

"Any what?"

"Any money, you know; you must have seen it."

"Not that I can remember."

This conversation between Jim Simpkins (Laurence Hayes) and Austin Bevans (Harold Donnelly) sums up the situation of the boys who are doing "light housekeeping" in New York. With them are David MacKenzie (John Hopkins), who wears himself out answering the door-bell; George Boyd (Sam Grant), who asks Elsie Benedottie (Josephine Washburn) to marry him every time he sees her; Tim Simpkins (Allen Somers), Jim's twin. Austin inherits a girl's school from his aunt, the school is presided over by Miss Hayes (Cordelia Stockton), who has been divorced from Homer John (Francis Hunt), the uncle and guardian of Elsie. Miss Curtis (Mary J. Brown), secretary for the school, enjoys working for Austin, who has converted the school into the "Charm School" and made the four boys "professors." The Seniors at the school are Sally Boyd (Doris Larsh), Muriel Doughty (Opal Fenwick), Ethel Spelvin (Lydia Cain), Yvonne Mercier (Grace A. Phillips), Lillian Stafford (Mable Yeoman), and Madge Kent (Mary May). Elsie falls in love with Austin and runs away. He tries to believe her a silly girl but he finally realizes instead she has "Charm."

"Operetta Sylvia"

The Glee Clubs of R. H. S. presented the operetta "Sylvia," under the direction of Miss Bailey, Musical Instructress. The scene opens with a song by the hay makers, followed by the entrance of Betty, a farmer lass and later Sylvia, a court damsel, enters and a dialogue takes place between the two girls. They decide to exchange lovers, as each is bored by her own. At last Betty and Sylvia decide that their own lovers are preferable after all, and the play ends happily with them reunited once more with their own rightful sweethearts.



Athletics



Resume of the Football Season



The first game of the season was with Hammond. The game was even but in the last part of the game Hammond made a rally and forced the Red and Black until they were within forty yards of their goal. We were penalized twenty yards and Hammond was in possession of the ball and by a fuke they crossed the goal. The game ended 6-0 in favor of Hammond.

The second game of the season was with Monticello. This was an easy victory for the R. H. S. Yet the Monticello squad showed a great improvement over last year. The entire squad had a chance to play in this game. The final score was R. H. S., 41; Monticello, 0.

The next game was with our old rival Logansport. We scored a touchdown in the first quarter and Hammond kicked goal. In the third quarter Logansport succeeded in pushing over a touchdown but failed to kick goal. The game ended R. H. S., 7; Logansport, 6.

The next game played was with Emerson at Gary. The boys went to Gary with the intention of humbling them for the first time. The boys put up a great fight but the Northern boys were too much for them. The score ended R. H. S., 0; Emerson, 53.

We met Elkhart on Saturday, November 4th. The Elkhart team was considered very strong and had planned to defeat us by forty or fifty points. The game was fast and both teams were held scoreless until the last ten minutes when Yeoman went over for a well earned touchdown. The game ended R. H. S., 7; Elkhart, 0.

On Armistice Day the Jefferson high school team took revenge for the bad defeat which they received on our field last year. This was the first victory of the season for them. The aerial attack of the Jefferson team was too much for the boys of our team. Final score was R. H. S., 13; Jefferson, 25.

In our final game of the season we held the strong Kentland team to a twelve to seven score. Near the close of the game we scored a touchdown which would have won the game but was not allowed by the Kentland officials who claimed that some of our boys were off side. The game ended R. H. S., 7; Kentland, 12.

This game closed the season for the Rensselaer High School football team and considering the teams played was a successful one. The team of 1923 will miss the services of Captain Pullin, Rice, Michaels, Sharp, Reed, Grant, Yeoman, Kresler, Somers, and Tudor all of whom will be lost by graduation.

At the annual football banquet given by Captain Pullin, Cornelius Halsema was chosen Captain of the 1923 football team of the R. H. S.



Resume of the 1922-23 Basketball Season



Our Basketball team took part in four games before Christmas vacation. The first was with Kentland and the game proved to be an evenly matched contest. The game ended R. H. S., 22; Kentland, 21.

We lost the second game to Remington. The third game was close but when the final whistle blew R. H. S. had 20 points and Hammond 19.

We lost the fourth game to Francesville.

On December 29 we celebrated the remodeled gym by a victory over Monticello. Score R. H. S., 26; Monticello, 12.

Again we out-played Kentland and had an easy victory. R. H. S., 29; Kentland, 14. On January 6th Rensselaer got its longed for revenge on Reynolds high school by defeating them 29 to 21.

The fast Remington team again took us into camp. Also we lost to Valpo and Crown Point. In the Lowell game the score became confused and the visitors were given the benefit of the doubt. Final score: R. H. S., 21; Lowell, 22.

Next a defeat by Brook in a hard fought contest in which the game was in doubt all the time. Also a defeat by Wolcott.

In the game with Crown Point the boys were out for revenge and Crown Point was out played in a fast game. R. H. S., 32; Crown Point, 20.

Next in line was Hammond but although they put up a good game they could not stop the R. H. S. Final score: R. H. S., 17; Hammond, 11.

We lost to Lowell at Lowell but evened up matters by defeating Brook in a fast and hard fought game. R. H. S., 22; Brook, 19.

Wolcott defeated us for the second time.

In the last game of the season before the tournament we defeated Francesville by the lop-sided score of 29 to 13.

1923 Tournament at Brook



Rensselaer's first game at the tournament was with Oxford. Final score: R. H. S., 20; Oxford, 17.

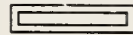
Second game was another victory for the Red and Black, this time we played Fowler. Final score: R. H. S., 15; Fowler, 11.

In the semi-finals we defeated Freeland Park and won the right to play in the finals against Brook.

The final game will be long remembered by those that saw the contest. Brook had played several easy games and had also drawn the bye for the first round but in spite of these advantages the score was close at all times and the final count left Brook only one point in the lead. Score: R. H. S., 14; Brook, 15.

Our basketball team was highly honored by the judges of the mytheical All-Sectional team. Captain Paulus and Hammond were made forward and back guard on the first team. Paulus was chosen Captain of the Sectional team. Michaels and Gilmore were given the positions of center and forward on the second team. Phegley was given honorable mention as floor guard. It is interesting to note that we have had a center on the second team for three years.

Maurice Hammond was elected Captain of the 1923-24 basketball team at the home of Captain Paulus.



Inter-Class Basketball

Soon after the Varsity squad was chosen a class tournament schedule was formed. Each respective class elected a Captain and manager of their class teams. The class with the highest percentage of games won was to be the inter-class champions of the school.

The Senior class had the highest per cent with four games won and one lost. The Freshmen were second with three games won and two lost. The Sophomores and Juniors tied for third place.

Track of 1922



We had a very successful year in track, splendid material to begin with. The first meet was with Donovan, Ill. R. H. S. won.

The Sixth Annual R. M. D. Meet was next. Captain Sweeney, Harmon, Jay, Hansen, Paulus, Tilton, Somers, Beaver, Turfler, Warren and Hudson were the main standbys of R. H. S. Sweeney won the 100-yard and the 220-yard dashes. Jay won second in the former and third in the latter. Harmon won the 440-yard dash and Beaver took first in the 880-yard run. Warren tied with Reynolds of Monticello for first place in the high jump. Turfler won the mile with Somers second. Paulus won the pole vault and Hudson tied for third place. Paulus took second in the hurdle race. Final score: R. H. S., 56 1-4; Monticello, 41 3-4. Delphi failed to score.

R. H. S. Wins Sectional

In the Sectional Track and Field Meet held at the Dunlap track on May 13, Captain Sweeney and his team won the meet. Sweeney was easily the star athlete of the day, winning four firsts.

Summary of the Meet

100-YARD DASH—First: Sweeney, Rensselaer. Second: Smith, Oxford. Third: Hay, Fowler. Time, :10 1-5.

120-YARD HURDLES—First: Holladay, Wolcott. Second: Klentzer, Fowler. Third: Morgan, Ambia. Time, :17 4-5.

HIGH JUMP—First: Klentzer, Fowler. Second: Headdy, Chalmers. Third: Warren, Rensselaer. Height, 5 feet, 3 inches.

MILE RUN—First: Turfler, Rensselaer. Second: Somers, Rensselaer. Third: McKnight, Fowler. Time, 5:00.

440 YARD DASH—First: Sweeney, Rensselaer. Second: Harmon, Rensselaer. Third: Hay, Fowler. Time, :52 1-5.

SHOT PUT—First: Lafore, Pine Township. Second: Smith, Oxford. Third: Nipple, Monticello. Distance, 45 feet, 5 3-4 inches.

220-YARD DASH—First: Sweeney, Rensselaer. Second: Smith, Oxford. Third: Crump, Oxford. Time, :22 1-5.

220-YARD HURDLES—First: Coble, Monticello. Second: Baer, Monticello. Third: Crump, Oxford. Time, :28.

880-YARD DASH—First: Tilton, Rensselaer. Second: Beaver, Rensselaer. Third: Smith, Oxford. Time, 2:16.

POLE VAULT—First: Paulus, Rensselaer. Second: Hudson, Rensselaer. Third: Thomas, Monticello. Height, 10 feet.

BROAD JUMP—First: Sweeney, Rensselaer. Second: Mason, Monticello. Third: Hansen, Rensselaer. Distance, 20 feet.

RELAY RACE — First: Rensselaer. Second: Wolcott. Third: Fowler. Time, 3:52 3-5.

State Meet

At the State Meet at Earlham College, Sweeney won first in the 440-yard dash and third in the 100-yard dash. Harman won third in the 440-yard dash. This State Meet ended one of the best seasons of track in the history of the Rensselaer High School.



The Jokers

When Noah built himself an ark,
 To sail the ocean blue,
 And summoned all the animals,
 To join him, two by two,
 If Fate had place among them
 Petey Meyers for a whim,
 I wonder what in thunder,
 Would have walked along with him.

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First Flapper: "Let's go to California and join the movies."
 Second Ditto: "But we haven't anything to go in, but this Ford."
 First Flapper: "What's the difference, these peaches came from
 there in a tin can."

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Junior: "There goes a good track man."
 Sophomore: "What is he? A sprinter?"
 Junior: "No, he's a hebe."

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"Jimmy, I want you to sit down in front," said the teacher.
 "I can't," said little Jimmy, "I ain't built that way."

— o —

Mr. House (in Chemistry): "I'm hoarse this morning and expect
 the rest of you to do most of the talking."

R. Pennel: "That's just the way I feel, Mr. House."

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If a body sees a body
 Flunking in a quiz,
 If a body helps a body
 Is it the teacher's biz?

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Professor: "What was the first talking machine made out of."
 Student: "Why—er—ah—it was a rib. Wasn't it?"

Miss Martindale (after finding a permit that don't look right):
"Hollis, do you know what they do with boys who tell lies."

Hollis: "Yes'm, they wait till they get there growth and sent them out as traveling salesmen."

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There was a youth who loved a maid;
His name was Alexander,
He wanted her to marry him—
A ring did Alex-hand-her.
And later they were truly wed,
And when folks the paper read,
Referring to the twain they said:
There goes Alex-and-her.

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Senior: "Say do you know that Mr. Minton is getting to be quite the woodsman with his violin?"

Freshy: "Woodsman? What do you mean?"

Senior: "Why, he saws chord after chord."

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Professor: "Give a good example of an illusion."

Student: "Well sir, when I woke up this morning, I thought it was early, but it was."

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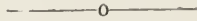
One of the terrible tempered students of R. H. S., in a fit of anger, broke the back of Caesar, tore the appendix out of Cicero, and pulled the Tale of Two Cities.

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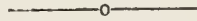
A goat ate all the other jokes,
And he began to run.
"I cannot stop," he softly said,
"I am so full of fun."

DON'TS

1. Chew gum in school; it gets on the faculty's nerves.
2. Fall downstairs; its dangerous.
3. Hang around Senior play practice; you might be invited to leave.
4. Hang flags on the water tower; they might have to pick you up with a blotter.
5. Fail to laugh at Tom Hoover's jokes; they might have a point to them some time.



Freshman: "Say, Ed, when do you expect to graduate."
Ed Cain (pioneer): "Every year."



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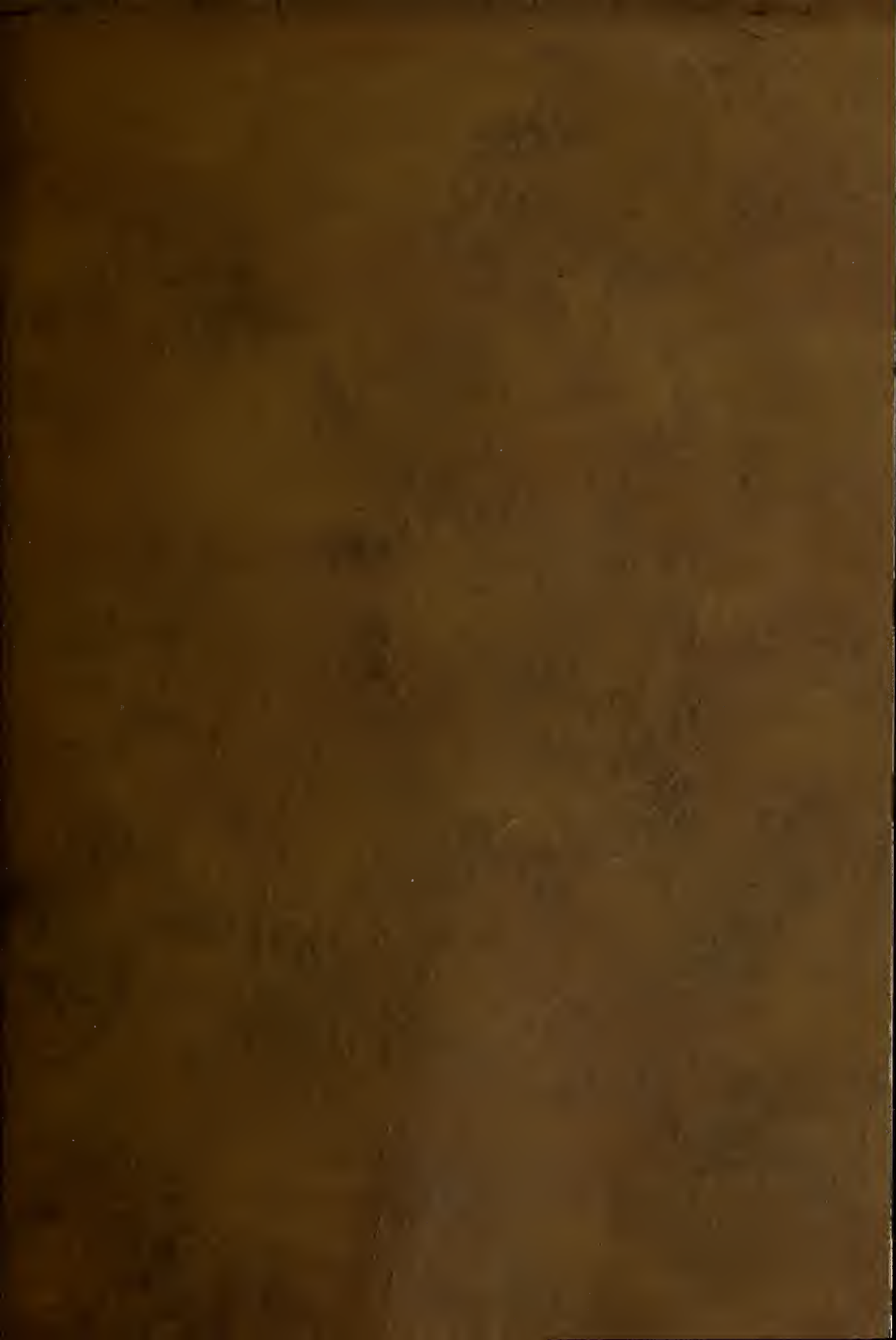
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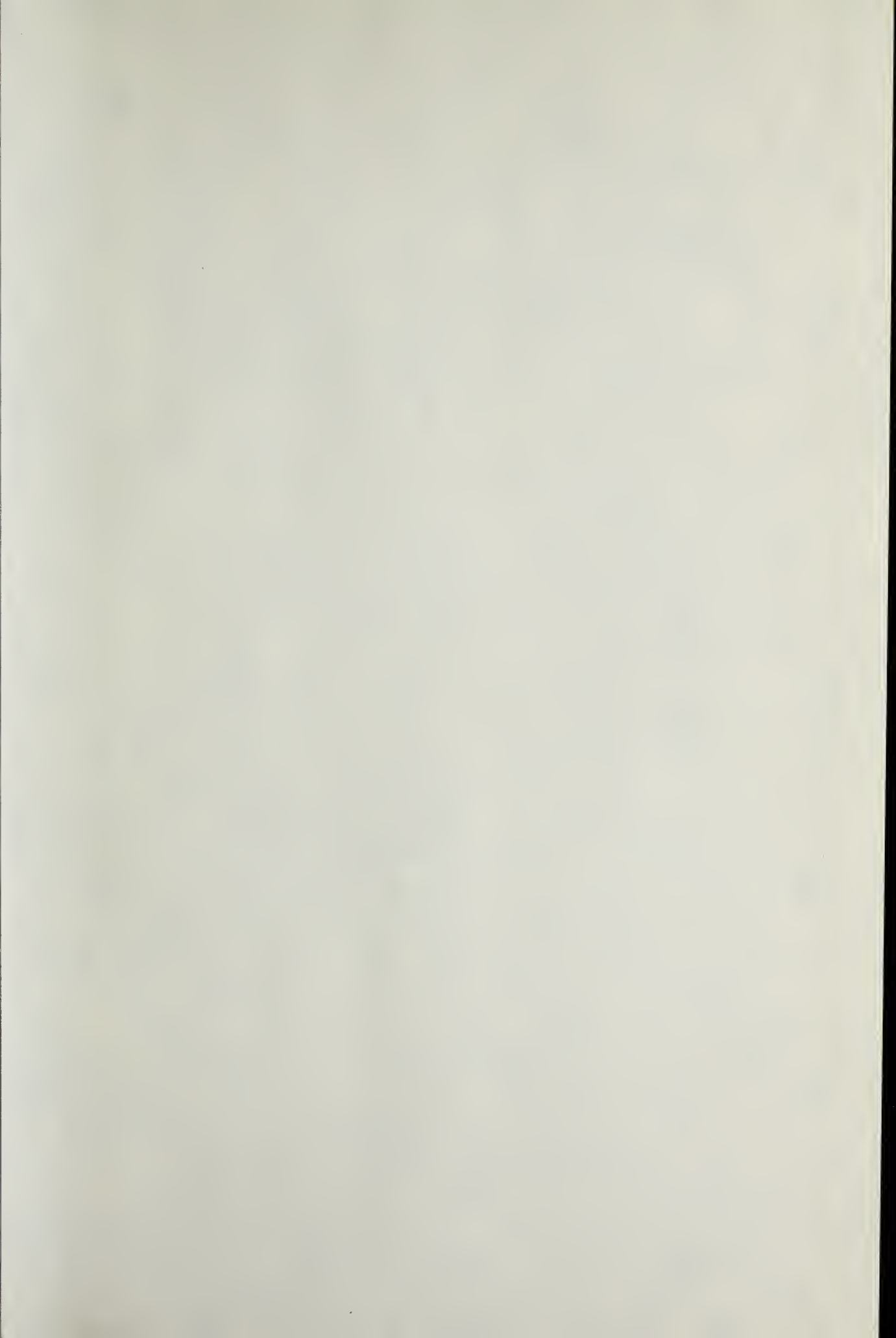
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